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Pensacola-Tallahassee Edition - Bishop's Letter

## Christ touched our world with the holy, thus making all things holy

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Once more I greet you at this joyful season when we celebrate the birth of Christ, who came into our world to set us free from the tyranny of sin and error.

At Christmas, we Christians joyfully celebrate God's supreme intervention in our lives.

He sent his son, who existed in the Father from the beginning, to assume human flesh and to become like us. Jesus became human, as was so often stated by the early church fathers, that we might share in his divine life.

We share in God's life when we promote justice and peace, when we show acts of kindness and compassion to others in need, when we forgive and heal, and when we extend ourselves in loving care to the very least among us. Most importantly, we know that God's divine life is freely given to us and to all human beings, a fact that underscores the unique and special dignity of every human person.

The lives of all of us, whether we are big or small, rich or poor, are sacred in the eyes of God. When Christ took on human flesh, he touched our world with the holy, thus making all things holy.

It is my prayer that God will give each of us the grace at Christmas to understand the height and depth of this great mystery and to know how fully blessed we are. May you and your families enjoy the fullness of Christmas and a very happy and peaceful new year!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

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